

CLAIMS

1. A paint roller cleaner characterized in that it includes:
a cylindrical housing having an opening adapted to receive a paint roller, said opening having associated therewith an outer flange portion for removing paint from said paint roller, and said cylindrical housing being a very close fit around said paint roller for removing further paint therefrom, said removal of paint constituting a first cleaning action on said paint roller; and
external locking means for securing said paint roller in said cylindrical housing, said external locking means attaching to a handle of said paint roller whereby said paint roller is restrained from movement relative to the housing by the locking means, and whereby cleaning fluid is introduced into the housing under pressure to thereby effect a second cleaning action on said paint roller.
2. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking means includes a hook member designed to lock around and restrain a handle of a paint roller thereby securing the roller with respect to the cleaner for use.
3. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking means is located close to the opening of the housing in which the paint roller is received.
4. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking means is a hook which is upstanding from an outer surface of the housing and generally in line axially therewith said walls curving around to join one another thereby forming the hook end portion.
5. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking means is a snap fit locking means.
6. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 1, characterized in that said flange is positioned perpendicular to the axis of the housing.
7. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 1, characterized in that an outer edge of the flange has a semi-circular indent serving as a scraper that may be used to remove excess paint held in a roller before the roller is inserted into the housing.

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8. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 1, characterized in that said cleaner further includes a pressure relief means.
9. A paint roller cleaner according to claim 8, characterized in that said pressure relief means includes a vent opening closed by a plug, said plug being able to be released by pressure within the housing.

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